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The Cancer Information Service of the Rocky Mountain Region is a program of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) serving the states of Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming in cooperation with Penrose-St. Francis Health Services.

#### Selected NCI Press Releases / NewsCenter Items

Available at http://www.cancer.gov/newscenter/.

- Statement from the National Cancer Institute on FDA Approval of the HPV Vaccine (6/8/06)
- Cancer Vaccine Fact Sheet (6/8/06)
- Gene Expression Profiling Can Accurately Diagnose Burkitt's Lymphoma (6/7/06)
- Drug Discovery at the National Cancer Institute: Fact Sheet (6/6/06)

#### **NCI Fact Sheet Collection**

**New, revised and reviewed titles.** Available at <a href="http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/">http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/</a>.

- Biological Therapies for Cancer: Questions and Answers (FS 7.2, 6/13/06)
- Clinical Trials: Questions and Answers (FS 2.11, 5/19/06)
- Herceptin (Trastuzumab): Questions and Answers (FS 7.45, 6/13/06)
- How To Find a Doctor or Treatment Facility If You Have Cancer (FS 7.47, 6/6/06)
- Human Papillomavirus Vaccines: Questions and Answers (FS 3.79, 6/8/06)
- Human Papillomaviruses and Cancer: Questions and Answers (FS 3.20, 6/8/06)
- Screening Mammograms: Questions and Answers (FS 5.28, 5/23/06)
- Targeted Cancer Therapies: Questions and Answers (FS 7.49, 6/13/06)

#### **Deleted Fact Sheets**

- El Estudio del Tamoxifeno y del Raloxifeno (STAR): preguntas y respuestas (FS 4.19s, deleted 5/24/06)
- The Study of Tamoxifen and Raloxifene (STAR):
  Questions and Answers (FS 4.19, deleted 5/24/06)

#### Other NCI Publications of Interest

Available for order using the NCI Publications Service, <a href="https://cissecure.nci.nih.gov/ncipubs">https://cissecure.nci.nih.gov/ncipubs</a>, or as noted.

Cancer Epidemiology in Older Adolescents and Young Adults 15 to 29 Years of Age, Including SEER Incidence and Survival: 1975-2000, is the first publication to provide detailed information about cancer incidence and outcomes in adolescents and young adults. Order via the link above, or download from <a href="http://seer.cancer.gov/publications/aya">http://seer.cancer.gov/publications/aya</a>.

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#### Other NCI Publications (continued)

On June 3, the President's Cancer Panel released its latest report, *Assessing Progress*, *Advancing Change*. The Panel, with input from diverse stakeholders in the cancer community, reports on progress, priorities and further recommendations in cancer survivorship and research. The need for improvements in education and communication to inform the general public about cancer and cancer research is one issue discussed. The report may be ordered from the NCI Publications Service. For additional information on the Panel, or to download the report, go to <a href="http://pcp.cancer.gov">http://pcp.cancer.gov</a>.

#### **NCI Educational Materials**

Did you know that NCI allows organizations to add extra quantities of publications to the government's print orders through its Ride-On program? Organizations thus can take advantage of lower printing and other costs, providing an economical way to obtain a supply of NCI publications. See the publication <a href="http://ncipoet.org/RideOnPrinting/RideOnPrinting\_FactSheet.pdf">http://ncipoet.org/RideOnPrinting/RideOnPrinting\_FactSheet.pdf</a> for more details.

NCI has updated its information relating to the human papillomaviruses (HPV), reflecting the recent approval of the HPV vaccine by the FDA (press release link on page 2). In addition to the fact sheets and statement noted at left, a new slide show on the vaccine was uploaded to the *Understanding Cancer Series* on the Cancer.gov Web site, with 11 slides on the topic. See <a href="http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/understandingcancer/HPV-vaccine">http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/understandingcancer/HPV-vaccine</a>.

The Understanding Cancer Series covers many other topics, each presented as graphic-rich tutorials. Another recent addition, for example, is entitled "Cancer and the Environment." See <a href="http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/understandingcancer">http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/understandingcancer</a> for the complete listing of subjects.

#### Online Service – *LiveHelp*

Confidential, online text chat with a National Cancer Institute Information Specialist. Available Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 11 p.m. EST.

For cancer information and to order NCI publications call 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237) or visit http://www.cancer.gov

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#### Ask the CIS Column

Short, easy-to-read columns based on the latest cancer information from NCI, in question-and-answer format for newsletters and other publications. Please contact your regional Partnership Program Coordinator to access full columns. (Contact information is on page 3.) This month's column topics include questions on the newly approved HPV vaccine to prevent cervical cancer (what it is, how it works), and on metastatic cancer (the spread of cancer and how it is identified).

#### Other Items of Interest

- FDA Approves First Drug Treatment for Late-Stage Cervical Cancer (6/15/06) <a href="http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2006/NEW0139">http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2006/NEW0139</a>
- Effective Strategies for Tobacco Cessation Underused, Panel Says (6/14/06) http://www.nih.gov/news/pr/jun2006/od-14.htm
- FDA Licenses New Vaccine for Prevention of Cervical Cancer and Other Diseases in Females Caused by Human Papillomavirus (6/8/06) <a href="http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2006/NEW0138">http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2006/NEW0138</a>
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- National Youth Tobacco Survey: MMWR Surveillance Summary

This CDC report summarizes data from two recent surveys, the National Youth Tobacco Survey (NYTS) and state youth tobacco surveys (YTS). Health and education officials use this data to plan, evaluate, and improve national and state programs to prevent and control youth tobacco use. Topics include current tobacco use among middle- and high-school students, exposure to secondhand smoke, and media and advertising influence. Find the report at <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ss5503">http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ss5503</a> a1.htm?s\_cid=ss5503a1\_e.

#### National Health Observances

The National Health Observances calendar comes from the National Health Information Center Web site: <a href="http://www.healthfinder.gov/library/nho/nho.asp?year=2006">http://www.healthfinder.gov/library/nho/nho.asp?year=2006</a>

#### **Upcoming observances:**

No cancer-related observances for July or August

#### **National Events of Interest**

 2006 UICC World Cancer Congress (WCC), 13th World Conference on Tobacco OR Health (WCTOH), and the CDC Partners Summit

**Sponsors:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the International Union Against Cancer Conference (UICC)

#### Dates:

UICC 2006 World Cancer Congress: July 8-12, 2006 13th World Conference on Tobacco OR Health (WCTOH): July 12-15, 2006

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Location: Convention Center, Washington, DC

**Registration:** Register at the event. For full details, go to http://www.2006conferences.org/c-registration.php.

**Audience:** CDC cordially invites its domestic cancer prevention and control grantees and partners to attend both the UICC World Cancer Congress and the Cancer Partners Summit from July 8-13. Registration for the CDC Summit is included in the UICC World Cancer Congress registration fee, allowing participants to take full advantage of the information and opportunities offered by both events.

**Summary:** Programs for both parts of the meeting are online. See <a href="http://www.2006conferences.org/summit.php">http://www.2006conferences.org/summit.php</a>.

3rd Biennial Cancer Survivorship Research Conference—Cancer Survivorship: Embracing the Future

**Sponsors:** NCI's Office of Cancer Survivorship, American Cancer Society, and the Lance Armstrong Foundation

Dates: October 4-5, 2006

**Location:** Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, Bethesda, MD

Registration and Contact: Full details, including agenda, abstract submission (deadline July 17, 2006), workshop and mentor program information, as well as contact information, are provided at <a href="http://www.blsmeetings.net/Survivorship06/gen.htm">http://www.blsmeetings.net/Survivorship06/gen.htm</a>.

Online registration will be available soon.

**Summary:** Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the future directions of cancer survivorship research, advances in e-health and communications, challenges to follow-up care for cancer survivors, understanding and fulfilling the needs of cancer caregivers and families, and reviewing research and strategies to address health disparities in cancer survivorship. Conference attendees will include researchers in biomedical and behavioral science, health care professionals, scientists, graduate students in health-related sciences, community-based advocates, state public health planners, and cancer survivors and their families.

40th Annual American Association for Cancer Education (AACE) Meeting: Innovative Interventions and Methods in Cancer Education

**Sponsors:** American Association for Cancer Education, University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine

Dates: October 12-14, 2006

**Location:** Catamaran Resort Hotel on Mission Bay, San Diego, CA

Registration and Contact: Different fees for members, non-members and students. Register by Sept. 12, 2006 for early bird rates at conference and hotel. Complete details about the conference and online registration available at <a href="http://aace.cpsonline.info/">http://aace.cpsonline.info/</a>. Additional contacts can be made via e-mail at <a href="mailto:ocme@ucsd.edu">ocme@ucsd.edu</a> or phone at 858-534-3940.

**Summary:** Cancer education plays a key role in the dissemination and implementation of cancer prevention, treatment and palliation. (*listing continues on next page*)

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#### National Events of Interest (continued)

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3rd Annual Spit Tobacco Summit–Advancing Understanding and Building Collaboration

**Sponsor:** Mayo Clinic **Dates:** October 16-18, 2006

Location: Siebens Building, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

**Contact:** The Mayo School of Continuing Medical Education, phone 800-323-2688 or e-mail <a href="mayo.edu">cme@mayo.edu</a>. Full conference details expected soon online at <a href="https://www.mayo.edu/cme">www.mayo.edu/cme</a>.

Summary: This meeting is designed to bring together individuals from a variety of disciplines interested in smokeless tobacco. This includes tobacco treatment specialists, basic scientists, population researchers, clinical trialists, physicians, dentists, dental hygienists, advocacy groups, tobacco prevention and control administrators, youth advocates, and Native American and Alaska Native tribal tobacco prevention and treatment service providers. Topics will cover a range of interests pertaining to the smokeless tobacco field: research, clinical treatment, health risks, community approaches to treatment and prevention, building partnerships, and addressing health disparities. Interdisciplinary collaborations will be fostered and critical areas for advancing the field will be outlined.

Save the Date: 16th Annual Cancer Patient Education Network Meeting–Gateway To The Future: Expanding Patient Education

**Sponsors:** Cancer Patient Education Network (CPEN), Siteman Cancer Center, Barnes Jewish Hospital and

Washington University

**Dates:** October 25-28, 2006 **Location:** St. Louis, MO

Web site: <a href="http://www.cancerpatienteducation.org/">http://www.cancerpatienteducation.org/</a>

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**❖ LIVESTRONG Summit** 

**Sponsor:** The Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF)

Dates: October 27-29, 2006

**Location:** Austin, TX

**Registration:** Through an application process, the LAF will identify approximately 1,000 current and potential leaders who are willing to champion the cancer cause in their local communities. Summit participants are responsible for a \$115 conference fee; some financial assistance may be available. Anyone who has been affected by cancer and is interested in participating in the

LIVESTRONG Summit may apply at

www.livestrong.org/summit.

**Summary:** The LAF's inaugural LIVE**STRONG** Summit is a three-day event to organize, inspire and direct the efforts of cancer survivors from across the country to change the face of cancer survivorship. The LIVE**STRONG** Summit is a call to action to develop goals and action plans to raise awareness and effect change around the needs of cancer survivors. After the LIVE**STRONG** Summit, participants will apply the action plans in their own communities and nationwide.

Save the Date: 30th Annual National Rural Health Association Conference

**Sponsor:** National Rural Health Association

**Dates:** May 14-18, 2007 **Location:** Anchorage, AK

**Call for abstracts and papers:** The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) invites individuals with an interest in rural health research, evaluation of education programs or significant educational innovation to submit abstracts by Oct. 1, 2006. Student research paper award deadline is Nov. 1, 2006.

**Summary:** To learn more about the Conference, and/or

submit an abstract or paper, go to

http://www.nrharural.org/conferences/sub/AnnConf.html.

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#### National Funding Opportunities – New listings



Program Announcement (PA) Number: PA-04-153 – Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Women

Release Date: August 27, 2004 Expiration Date (for RO1 applications): August 28, 2007

Summary: The purpose of this initiative is to stimulate research aimed at reducing health disparities among racial/ethnic minority and underserved women. More specifically, this initiative seeks applications for research related to health promotion or risk reduction among minority and underserved women age 21 and older; and intervention studies that show promise for improving the health profile of minority and underserved women. The objective of the R01 mechanism is to support a discrete, specified circumscribed project. Investigators are encouraged to explore the feasibility of an innovative research question or approach that will provide a basis for future research projects. For details, visit <a href="http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-153.html">http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-153.html</a>.

Program Announcement (PA) Number: PA-06-304 - Studies of the Economics of Cancer Prevention, Screening, and Care Release Date: March 31, 2006 Expiration Date: November 2, 2006

Summary: The overall goal of this initiative is to enhance the state-of-the-science on the quality of cancer care and inform federal decision making on care delivery, coverage, and regulation. Details at http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-304.html.

Program Announcement (PA) Number: PA-06-306 - The Effect of Racial and Ethnic Discrimination/Bias on Health Care Delivery

Release Date: March 31, 2006

Application Receipt Date: for 2006, October 1; until 2008

Summary: The purposes of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) are: (1) To improve the measurement of racial/ethnic discrimination in health care delivery systems through improved instrumentation, data collection, and statistical/analytical techniques; (2) to enhance understanding of the influence of racial/ethnic discrimination in health care delivery and its association with disparities in disease incidence, treatment, and outcomes among disadvantaged racial/ethnic minority groups; and (3) to reduce the prevalence of racial/ethnic health disparities through the development of interventions to reduce the influence of racial/ethnic discrimination on health care delivery systems in the United States. For details, visit http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-306.html.

Program Announcement (PA) Number: PA-06-337 - Decision Making in Health: Behavior Maintenance

Application Receipt Date: for 2006, October 1; until 2008 Release Date: April 7, 2006 Summary: The purpose of this FOA is to invite applications for research projects that will expand our knowledge of basic decision-making processes underlying initiation and long-term maintenance of healthy lifestyle behaviors that may reduce one's risk of cancer and other chronic diseases. For details, visit http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-337.html.

Program Announcement (PA) Number: PA-06-351 – Exploratory Grants for Behavioral Research in Cancer Control Application Receipt Date: for 2006, October 1; until 2009 Release Date: April 12, 2006

Summary: The purpose of this FOA is to encourage exploratory and developmental research projects (R21) grant applications in the cancer control research continuum (i.e., primary prevention to end of life care) from investigators representing a range of behavioral and social science disciplines. For details, visit http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-351.html.

#### Previously listed funding opportunities

CVS/pharmacy Community Grants Program

Key Date: Deadline: October 31, 2006 Details at http://www.cvs.com/corpInfo/community/community\_grants.html.

Funding Opportunity Number: CDC-PA-05031-A2 - Public Health Conference Support Program

Key Dates: Letter of Intent (LOI) Deadline: Cycle A, November 9, 2006; Cycle B, February 2, 2007

For details, visit <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/05031-A2.htm">http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/05031-A2.htm</a>.

Program Announcement (PA) Number: PAR-04-116 - Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy (R01)

Application Receipt Date(s): for 2006, October 16 Details at <a href="http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-04-116.html">http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-04-116.html</a>.

Program Announcement (PA) Number: PAR-04-153 - Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Women

Application Receipt Date(s): for 2006, October 1; until 2007 Details at <a href="http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-153.html">http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-153.html</a>.

Program Announcement (PA) Number: PAR-05-065 - Cancer Education (R25E) Grants Program

Application Receipt Date(s): for 2006, October 1; until 2008 Details at http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-05-065.html.

Program Announcement (PA) Number: PAR-05-123 - Small Grant Program for Conference Support

Application Receipt Date(s): for 2006, August 20, October 20, December 20; until 2008

For details, visit http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-05-123.html.

Program Announcement (PA) Number: PAR-06-039 - Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health

Application Receipt Date(s): for 2006, September 22; until 2009

For details, visit http://www.grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-039.html.

Program Announcement (PA) Number: PA-06-041 - NIH Support for Conferences and Scientific Meetings (R13/U13)

Application Receipt Date(s): for 2006, August 15, December 15; until 2008 For details, visit <a href="http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-041.html">http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-041.html</a>.

Program Announcement (PA) Number: PAR-06-132 - Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy (R03)

Details at <a href="http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-132.html">http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-132.html</a>. Letter of Intent Receipt Date: September 13, 2006

Program Announcement (PA) Number: PAR-06-247 - Community Participation in Research (R21)

Letters of Intent Receipt Date: April 17, 2007 Details at <a href="http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-247.html">http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-247.html</a>.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Fresh Ideas - Community-based Approaches to Improve Care for Vulnerable Populations Key Dates: Proposals accepted on a rolling basis Details at <a href="http://www.rwjf.org/applications/program/cfp.jsp?ID=19480">http://www.rwjf.org/applications/program/cfp.jsp?ID=19480</a>.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Local Initiative Funding Partners Program 2007 – Supporting Innovation in Health and Health Care

Details at http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=19279. Deadline for Receipt of Stage I Brief Proposals: July 6, 2006